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#### HATS OFF TO THE COUNTY COURT

About the only thing except the purchasing power of a dollar which has gone down recently is the county tax rate. The state tax rate went up 5 cents by act of the legislature. The city tax rate went up 40 cents on the \$100, a small portion on account of legislative acts, but mostly to keep in office men whom the taxpayers' committee could find no work for. But the county cut its tax rate this year. The state and county taxes are paid together. The combined rate last year was \$1.68 on the \$100. This year it will be \$1.71%, including the 5-cent state raise, a net reduction in the county rate of 11/2 cents.

That, too, is upon a much lower basis of assessment than that in the city. The entire county assessed valuation, including all city property, is about \$125,000,000, while the assessed value of the city property alone for tax purposes is \$135,000,000. If the county assessor had valued the property in the city of Memphis as high as the city assessor did, the state and county tax rate would be only \$1.59, instead of \$1.711/2, to raise the same revenue; while if the city assessor had valued the property in Memphis as low as the county assessor did, the city tax rate would be some \$2.60.

#### HIGH RENTS

A horizontal raise in rents is exciting the leading cities of the country and a great cry is being raised against what is called the rapacity of property owners.

This is a question that will adjust itself in time. The higher the rents the greater inducement there will be to build houses until the supply exceeds the demand, when prices will come down.

In new countries where there are no houses people manage to get along. The man who has a grading contract on a railroad loads his wife and children into a wagon, provides himself with a tent and strikes out. When he comes to a spring along the right-of-way he raises his tent and finds shelter and comfort in it until the job is done. Those who live in apartment houses must have elevator service, hot and cold water and other conveniences that cost money and they must pay for them. If they could be satisfied with a tent on a vacant lot their rent would cost little. What landlords are doing is what everyone else is doing-getting all he can. Commerce is paralyzed because there are no ships, and yet in New York 400 vessels are tied up because seafaring men refuse to work unless they receive more money. Everything is so high that the wage-earner cannot live on what is paid him. The honest farmer is not behind in his demands and is coming into his own. Fruits and vegetables, chickens, eggs and butter are bringing war prices, and everyone i clamoring for a little more.

The war has upset things, and while the workingman is receiving more than he did formerly, his money is worth only about 35 cents on the dollar, and it takes more of it to live on. In the final audit he's worse off under big wages than he was under small wages. The profiteer is not confined to the big operator; everybody is profiteering all he can, but time will bring thing back to the normal ultimately. No one can escape the effects of such a war as we have just gone through. Everyone suffers and will suffer until he finds other ways of doing things. Just now it is pull Dick, pull devil, and get what you can. It is a bad state of affairs and to damn the kaiser does not mend matters any.

#### FEED THE AIR SERVICE

The American public should voice a loud and long protest against the starvation of the United States army air service, now threatened because of the failure of the Republican-controlled

threatened because of the failure of the Republican-controlled congress to appropriate funds sufficient to sustain it. David Lawfence, special correspondent of The News Scimitar, issued a timely warning in his Washington dispatch of Monday, and the public, knowing the facts, should give expression to its reaction to these facts.

The start which military aeronautics got under the stimulus of the war emergency should be maintained and the service given every opportunity for development. Congress should see that the American army is provided with funds ample enough to enable it to keep pace with the armies of all other nations and to stimulate American civilians to a like progress in aviation. It would be most un-American to let the world forge ahead of us in any branch of aeronautics. We are the young giant who is accustomed to keep well ahead of the field in evolution. But Great Britain is already two strides beyond us in aeronautic evolution. One of her airplanes has made a non-stop flight across the Atlantic and one of her lighter-than-air machines has just completed a highly successful round trip across that identical body of water. The pride of the American people must surely be piqued, even if that of the bickering solons has not been. piqued, even if that of the bickering solons has not been.

The age of Tennyson's "argosies of purple sail" has indeed come and the nation which does not realize it and act accordingly is going to be looked upon as backward. Before many decades aircraft will be playing as important a part in the commercial, social and industrial affairs of the world's peoples as the automobile is today. Will American traditions not be violated if American craft fail at any time to navigate the air with as much power and speed as any other craft? It goes without saving that if any other people is able at any time to travel faster than the American people the latter shall be left behind. That is not America's proper position.

The partisan squabble over the peace treaty recalls this statement once made by William Henry Harrison: "Parties in a republic are necessary to secure a degree of vigilance sufficient to keep public functionaries within the bounds of law. Beyond that they become destructive of public virtue, the parent of a spirit antagonistic to that of liberty, and eventually its inevitable con-

Atlanta is in the throes of a campaign to move the state capitol. The site is ideal only for a blacksmith shop, postoffice and two general stores on the four corners of two crossroads. Only the activity of her citizenry has made a great city, and they do not propose to lose without a hot fight anything that they have gotten.

Col. Henry Watterson's real opinion of national prohibition never has been printed, because we don't publish magazines or newspapers like that in this country

The riots in Washington should be a warning to our Commissioner Quinn that racial antagonism is a monster which it is dangerous to prod.

#### Wonder What the Cook Thinks About—By Briggs

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FO DE LAN SAKE! MO COMP'NY! AH NAIVEH WUKKED SO HAND IN MAN LIFE - AH AIN'T SO STUCK ON DIS PLACE

AH JES SLAVE

SLAVE F'M MOHNING

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- WAIL HERE AH

ANOTHER PIE BUT

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TO GIT NO BISKITS

TONIGHT - NO SUH - NO

INDEED - NO IN- DEED!

GOES MAKIN

#### AMUSEMENTS

#### Loew's Lyceum.

From a unique and speciacular standpoint "The Girl in the Basket," which
is heading the current bill at Loew's
Lyceum, can not be touched. Its opening is like a page from one of the
books of Hans Christian Andersen, the
master fairy story teller.

A combination of femininity, grace,
charm, beauty and talent is presented
by the four Hickey girls. Their comedy is original and clever, especially the
male impersonation of one of them.
Richard Milloy, William Keough and
company will offer a one-act comedy
called "Futting One Over," by J.
O'Connor, a political theory with a big
punch.

Walking a little way back from the

water's edge, toward the grove of trees.

Dorothy came to a flat stretch of white

sand that seemed to have queer signs

sand that seemed to have queer signe-marked upon its surface, just as one would write upon sand with a stick.
"What does it say?" she asked the yellow hen, who trotted slon, beside her in a rather dignified fashion. "How should I know." returned the hen. "I cannot read."

Can't you?" ainly not. I've never been to

newest comedy being "Hayfoot, Straw-foot," in which Ray is seen amidst the froites and doings of an army camp where his stunts and a pretty girl are the chief elements.

#### Moving Pictures

tury roof show, Lyn Donaldson, George West, Faire Binney, who has suddenly come into prominence as one of the leading ingenues of the silverscreen, and Warner Richmond are in the no-table cast.

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Other acts include Wiki Bird, a real
Hawaiian entertainer, who features
their soothing melodies and interminigles a few popular ones with them
on his willele, and Redmonds and Wells,
in musical comedy monents.

Charles Ray is the film star, his

INDUMING ILLUMY

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Maurice Tourneur assembled a remarkable cast for his production.

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Princess.

#### Carolyn Wells, author of "Vicky

Van," the new Paramount picture which comes to the Princess theater today

Who does not us Interfere!—Cartoons Magazine.

# The Wonderful Stories, of By L. Frank Baum

### Letters in the Sand



while special the year acound, for there were lumb took blossoms no some of the branches, and on others titry lunch and the property of the pr

liantly-clothed personage was on roller skates, which were attached to his hands as well as to his feet. "Run!" screamed the yellow hen. fluttering away in great fright. "It's

gave a sharp, wild cry and came after her in full chase.

Looking over her shoulder as she ran the girl now saw a great procession of Wheelers emerging from the forest-dozens and dozens of them—all clad in splendid, tight-fitting garments and all rolling swiftly toward her and ultering their wild, strange cries.

"They're sure to catch us!" panted the girl, who was still carrying the heavy dinner pail she had picked. "I can't run much farther. Billina." "Climb up this hill—quick!" said the hen; and Dorothy found she was very near to the heap of loose and Jagged rocks they had passed on their way to the forest. The yellow hen was even now fluttering among the rocks, and Dorothy followed as best she could, hair climbing and half tumbling up the rough and rugged steep.

She was none too soon, for the foremost Wheeler reached the hill a moment after her; but while the girl scrambled up the rocks the creature stopped short with howis of rage and disapointment.

Dorothy now heard the yellow hen laughing in her cackling, henny way. "Don't hurry, my dear," cried Billina. "They can't follow us among these rocks, so, we're safe enough now."

Dorothy stopped at once, and sat down upon a broad boulder, for she was all out of breath.

The rest of the Wheelers had now reached the foot of the hill, but it was evident that their wheels would not roil upon the rough and jagged rocks, and therefore they were helpless to follow Dorothy and the hen to where they had alaround the little hill, so the child and Billina were fast prisoners and could not come down without being captured. Then the creatures shook their front wheels at Derothy in a threatening manner, and it seemed they were able to speak as well as to make their dreadful outcries, for several of them should not come down without being captured. Then the creatures shook their front wheels at Derothy in a threatening manner, and it seemed they were able to speak as well as to make their dreadful outcries, for several of them should not little hird. The processing the proc

dreadful outcries, for several of them should "We'll get you in time, never fear! And when we do get you, we'll tear you into little bits!"

"Why are you so cruel to me?" asked Dorothy. "I'm a stranger in your country, and have done you no harm."

"No harm" cried one who seemed to be their leader. "Did you not pick our lunch boxes and dinner pails? Have you not a stolen dinner pail still in your hand?"

"I only picked one of each," she

# STATE OFFICIALS -

Judge Richards' Plea for Stenographer and J. J. Williams for Salary Boost Are Denied by Attorney.

For the second time during the term the county court, on advice of R. L. Bartels, county attorney, declined to pay for ex-officio services to state officials. This time Judge Ed. Richards appeared before the solons with a petition for an appropriation of \$1,200 a year, or \$100 per month, for a stenographer, the explained that the legislature had 100 per month, for a stenographer, explained that the legislature had pussed at act requiring judges in all elony cases to have their charges writ-ten in full and for that reason he hought a typist's services necessary. The petition was presented at the ad-ourned meeting of the court Monday

Mr. Bartels jumped to his feet when the petition was read and declared as he had done many times before, that it was illegal to appropriate county funds state purposes. The squires agreed h him and the judge didn't get the

#### No Boost for Williams, -

The first petition referred to by the court was presented the preceeding Monday. J. J. Williams, criminal court clerk, asked the court to name a committee to investigate his records to see if the court would not be justified in paying him for ex-officio services. The county attorney ruled as in Judge Richards case when the matter was referred to him and the committee was not named.

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The report of the chairman was read and adopted, as was the report of the committee on the \$300,000 bond sale, which was consummated several days ago. The bonds are 5 per cent serial bonds, maturing in 19, 20 and 30 years, with a premium of something over \$700.

County advertising for the coming year was awarded The News Scimitar.

The court agreed to pay the members of the county primary board salaries as follows: The chairman, \$50 for each election; the secretary, \$75 and the third member \$33.33.

Holding down the tax rate to \$1.71\frac{1}{2}, a raise of only \$3\frac{1}{2}, cents on the \$100 in fact a decrease of 1\frac{1}{2}, cents in the county rate, because the legislature raised the state tax five cents, seemed to please all the squires. The city additional county for the secretary of the county rate, because the county for the county of the coun

raised the state tax five cents, seemed to please all the squires. The city administration members feared to call for a higher rate, as their leaders already had gotten in bad by adding the enormous raise of 40 cents on the city tax rate and they dared not to try to force a higher county rate.

#### 40 Cents Increase Enough. The anti-administration faction, which

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The anti-administration faction, which courso the court by a good majority decreed that the burden of taxes, expecially for the city folks, should not be made any heavier.

But at the last moment some one slipped in a resolution, or request, that the county teachers, in addition to the raise given of \$15 a month, be paid 12 months in the year. This could only come in the nature of a request, as the county attorney advised, the squires that the court had not the right to fix the salaries of the county teachers. Of course, the squires on all sides, with the exception of five lone members, voted the pay the teachers more money.

The five that opposed this said that when the court made such a request the squires morally obligated themselves to take care of the county school board next year when it came forward with a deficit of approximately \$55,000 for the year, which the 12-month pay period would bring.

There was much comment and much praise for the tax rate committee and not perhaps mortally wounded by his unanimously adopted.

Holding the combined state and county rate to within 3½ cents of what it was lant year, in the face of a state raise of five cents was considered that the coat of everything is greater and the coat of everything is greater and the county opmminsioners are forced to expend \$100,000 on the Millingon road alone in order to get the federal government and the state to expend \$200,000 on it and thereafter maintain it.

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#### WIFE STABS HUSBAND; SAYS HE INSULTED HER

"Run!" screamed the yellow hen.
fluttering away in great fright. "It's a
Wheeler?" exclaimed Dorothy.

"A Wheeler?" exclaimed Dorothy.
"What can that be?"

"Don't you remember the warning in
the sand: "Beware the Wheelers?"
Run, I tell you—run!"

So Dorothy ran, and the Wheelers?
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## AUDITORIUM PLANS

## Ye Editor Nods Jolts and Jests Slipped Past The Blue Pencil

The prevailing Sunday sport at Ra-eigh, according to Charlie Garibaidi, is watching the automobiles go over the

COLLEGTORS, NOTICE!

Tony, the Greek, wishes to announce sit he is not the "Nick the Greek" ho wen \$10,000 in a hotel craps game One advantage that the crown prince has over the rest of us is that nobody expects him to act like a decent white man.

#### HELP! HELP!

Skirts will be shorter next year, says a news story from Paris. Now, if they'll only cut the waists a little bit lower, the problem of the high cost of clothing will be solved, insofar as femininity

The prevailing curiosity these days is to see whether "it" has a kick in it.

The sun of John Barleycorn has set behind the horizon of national prohibiion, but the trailing twilight still has the power to sunburn

WATER, QUICK!

AW, GWAN! The average policeman's life these days is "in ag'in, out ag'in, Quinn

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SIGNS?

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There is a sign in the alley just back of the booze filling station at Monroe and Main, reading:
"Don't Park or Unload Here."
There is sone near luka, Miss., running thusly:
"Cutter & Vanripper, Sawmili." Also this one: "A. Rotten, sign painter and guilder."

Dr. E. Death has an attractive shingle hanging out of his office in Meridian, Miss., near Lide & Cheatham's drug store. We have not yet ascertained whether or not the "E" in the doctor's name stands for "Early" or "Easy."

When there is no news or the reporter is too lazy, he writes a few "nods" for the editor to cuss over.

WHY I NEVER WILL GO ON
FISHING TRIP AGAIN.
Because I remember—
The flendish delight of Jerome Richards when I fell into the "drink."
The hoots of "Doc" W. L. Henderson when our boat caught only two goggle-eyes.

The blistering heat of the sun, glori-

The bumps in the military road to The number in the military road to Black Fish lake.

The pain in the "tummy" caused by that can of sardines.

The terrible moment when the last bit of "bait" was dr—lost, that is.

The stiffness of the day after—and yet.

Cool-Comfortable-Continuous GIRL IN THE BASKET A Scenic Song Spectacle. REDMOND & WELLS Songs and Chatter. WIKI BIRD

WIKI BIRD
Nifty Hawalian Entertainer,
MILLOY: KEOUGH & CO,
"Putting One Over."
4 HICKEY GIRLS
Comedy Quartet. CHARLES RAY "HAY FOOT,

STRAW FOOT' "I will roll up my sleeves—"
But Charile couldn't roll up that
"blied front" and thereon hangs
the tale—and Betty. Come to see
this great "rube" story.

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